

# Status of Natural Supersymmetry from the GmSUGRA in Light of the current LHC Run-2 and LUX data

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## Abstract

We study natural supersymmetry in the Generalized Minimal Supergravity (GmSUGRA). For the parameter space with low energy electroweak fine-tuning measures less than 50, we are left with only the  $Z$ -pole, Higgs-pole and Higgsino LSP scenarios for dark matter (DM). We perform the focused scans for such parameter space and find that it satisfies various phenomenological constraints and is compatible with the current direct detection bound on neutralino DM reported by the LUX experiment. Such parameter space also has solutions with correct DM relic density besides the solutions with DM relic density smaller or larger than  $5\sigma$  WMAP9 bounds. We present five benchmark points as examples. In these benchmark points, gluino and the first two generations of squarks are heavier than 2 TeV, stop  $\tilde{t}_{1,2}$  are in the mass range [1, 2] TeV, while sleptons are lighter than 1 TeV. Some part of the parameter space can explain the muon anomalous magnetic moment within  $3\sigma$  as well. We also perform the collider study of such solutions by implementing and comparing with relevant studies done by the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations. We find that the points with Higgsino dominant  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0/\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  mass up to 300 GeV are excluded in  $Z$ -pole scenario while for Higgs-pole scenario, the points with  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  mass up to 460 GeV are excluded. We also notice that the Higgsino LSP points in our present scans are beyond the reach of present LHC searches. Next, we show that for both the  $Z$ -pole and Higgs-pole scenarios, the points with electroweak fine-tuning measure around 20 do still survive.

# 1 Introduction

Undoubtedly, the gauge coupling unification of the strong, weak and electromagnetic interactions of the fundamental particles is a great triumph of the supersymmetric (SUSY) version of the Standard Model (SM) of particle physics [1], which henceforth will be called as Supersymmetric SM (SSM). The SSM predicts the existence of SUSY partners of all the known SM particles. Interestingly, the existence of these particles can help us to understand the stabilization of the electroweak (EW) scale and thus solves yet another daunting problem of particle physics named as the gauge hierarchy problem [2]. In addition, the Minimal SSM (MSSM) also predicts the Higgs boson mass ( $m_h$ ) should be smaller than 135 GeV [3]. Indeed, the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations of the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) have discovered a SM-like Higgs boson  $h$  with mass  $m_h = 125$  GeV [4, 5]. This adds yet another feather in the hat of the SSM. The SSM also predicts that with  $R$ -parity conservation, the Lightest Supersymmetric Particle (LSP) such as neutralino is an excellent dark matter candidate [6, 7]. And the electroweak symmetry can be broken radiatively due to large top quark Yukawa coupling, etc. All these observations give us some hints that we are on the right track.

The existence of the SM-like Higgs boson with mass  $m_h \sim 125$  GeV requires the multi-TeV top squarks with small mixing or TeV-scale top squarks with large mixing. This raises a question on the naturalness of the MSSM and generates the fine-tuning problem. However, the null results of the LHC-Run2 and the ongoing LHC SUSY-searches have not found any SUSY evidences yet. In recent studies, the bounds on squark masses  $m_{\tilde{q}} \gtrsim 1600$  GeV [8] and gluino mass  $m_{\tilde{g}} \gtrsim 2000$  GeV [8] have been reported by the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations at the 13 TeV LHC with  $36 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data. This situation has put the promises of the MSSM under pressure. It is interesting to note that despite the SM-like Higgs mass being relatively heavy, there are some studies [9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21] which suggest that the naturalness problem in the MSSM can be solved successfully. In particular, in an interesting scenario, which is called as Super-Natural SUSY [17, 22], it can be shown that no residual electroweak fine-tuning (EWFT) left in the MSSM if we employ the No-Scale supergravity boundary conditions [23] and Giudice-Masiero (GM) mechanism [24] despite having relatively heavy spectra. Some people might think that the Super-Natural SUSY might have a problem related to the higgsino mass parameter  $\mu$ , which is generated by the GM mechanism and is proportional to the universal gaugino mass  $M_{1/2}$ , since the ratio  $M_{1/2}/\mu$  is of order one but cannot be determined as an exact number. This problem, if it is, can be addressed in the M-theory inspired the Next to MSSM (NMSSM) [25]. Also, see [26], for more recent works related to naturalness within and beyond the MSSM.

In order to quantify the amount of fine-tuning (FT), we need to define the fine-tuning

measures. In literatures, we can find the high energy fine-tuning measure  $\Delta_{EENZ-BG}$  defined by Ellis, Enqvist, Nanopoulos and Zwirner [27], as well as Barbieri and Giudice [28], and the high energy and electroweak fine-tuning measures  $\Delta_{HS}$  and  $\Delta_{EW}$  defined by Baer, Barger, Huang, Michelson, Mustafayev and Tata [29, 30]. Usually, we have  $\Delta_{EW} \lesssim \Delta_{BG} \lesssim \Delta_{HS}$ . One can show that  $\Delta_{EW} \sim \Delta_{BG}$  for some scenarios [31].

This work is a continuation of our phenomenological studies of Generalized Minimal Supergravity Model (GmSUGRA) [32]. In Refs. [33, 34], we showed that in GmSUGRA, we have varieties of dark matter scenarios such as  $A$ -resonance, Higgs-resonance,  $Z$ -resonance, stau-neutralino coannihilation, tau sneutrino-neutralino coannihilation compatible with various phenomenological constraints. In addition, we showed that the Higgs coupling and muon anomalous magnetic moment measurements can constrain the parameter space effectively. In this work, we concentrate on the dark matter solutions which not only have low EWFT (that is  $\Delta_{EW} \lesssim 50$ ), but also are consistent with current direct detection bounds reported by the LUX Collaboration [35]. In our scans, we find that the light stau-neutralino coannihilation points do not satisfy  $\Delta_{EW} \lesssim 50$ . Also, the Higgsino LSP points are still natural and viable, but they cannot be probed at the current LHC searches. We find that only Higgs-pole and  $Z$ -pole solutions fulfil the above mentioned criteria. Therefore, we will only consider these two type of resonance points in more details. In these two scenarios, a subset of solutions satisfy the  $5\sigma$  dark matter relic density WMAP9 bounds while the other solutions have relic density beyond the  $5\sigma$  bounds. We present five benchmark points as examples of the parameter space under consideration, where one of them has the Higgsino LSP. In these benchmark points, gluino and the first two generations of squarks are heavier than 2 TeV, top squarks  $\tilde{t}_{1,2}$  are in the mass range [1, 2] GeV, while sleptons are less than 1 TeV. Some part of the parameter space can also explain the muon anomalous magnetic moment within  $3\sigma$  [36]. Furthermore, we consider the constraints on such solutions from the direct searches for the SUSY particles at the LHC. In order to realize small fine-tuning and satisfy experimental constraints simultaneously, only electroweakinos (neutralinos and charginos) and stau are light and could be explored at the current LHC searches. We study various electroweak Drell-Yan production processes where one could produce neutralinos which could decay through on-shell or off-shell  $Z^{(*)}$  ( $\tilde{\chi}_i^0 \rightarrow Z^{(*)}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ) or  $h^{(*)}$  ( $\tilde{\chi}_i^0 \rightarrow h^{(*)}\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ ). We will give more details about the our analyses later in this paper. We display various plots showing that the relevance of different decay modes depends on mass spectra and will significantly influence collider searches for these particles. The dominant decay channel of  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  for samples of  $Z$ -pole is  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z^{(*)}$  when the mass difference  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  is small. Once the decay into Higgs boson is kinematically possible, branching ratio to  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 h$  increase with increasing of  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  and become the dominant channel when  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \gtrsim 140$  GeV. The

decay channels of  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  is always  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 W^{(*)}$ . We also find that for our present work,  $3l + \cancel{E}_T$  and  $2l + \cancel{E}_T$  give the best sensitivity at the LHC searches where electroweakinos decays to multi-leptons. We use suitable kinematic variables to discriminate signals from backgrounds. We show the 95% C.L. exclusion results of the LHC electroweakinos searches in the  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ - $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  plane and  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ - $\Delta_{EW}$  plane. It can be seen from these plots that higgsino dominant  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0/\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  with mass up to 300 GeV are excluded in case of  $Z$ -pole while for Higgs-pole scenario, points with  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  mass up to 460 GeV are excluded. Moreover, it can also be noticed that  $Z$ -pole solutions with small  $\Delta_{EW}$  are easy to be explored, whereas solutions with large  $\Delta_{EW}$  are hard to exclude but for the Higgs-pole, many points with  $\Delta_{EW}$  up to 50 could be excluded by electroweakino searches with tau final states. Finally, we notice that for both the  $Z$ -pole and the Higgs-pole, samples with  $\Delta_{EW} \sim 20$  could still survive, indicating naturalness of this SUSY framework.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. We present our model in Section 2. We discuss EWFT measure in Section 3. Section 4 is devoted for scanning procedure and phenomenological constraints. Our results for focused scans are shown in Section 5 while results for the LHC searches are presented in Section 6. A summary and conclusion are given in Section 7.

## 2 The Electroweak SUSY from the GmSUGRA in the MSSM

In GmSUGRA, at the GUT-scale, we can write the generalized gauge coupling relation and the generalized gaugino mass relation as follows

$$\frac{1}{\alpha_2} - \frac{1}{\alpha_3} = k \left( \frac{1}{\alpha_1} - \frac{1}{\alpha_3} \right), \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{M_2}{\alpha_2} - \frac{M_3}{\alpha_3} = k \left( \frac{M_1}{\alpha_1} - \frac{M_3}{\alpha_3} \right), \quad (2)$$

where  $k$  is the index of these relations since it is invariant under one-loop Renormalization Group Equation (RGE) running. For more details about the model, please see [32].

Another important feature of GmSUGRA is that we can realize Electroweak SUSY (EW-SUSY). In this scenario, we can have the sleptons and electroweakinos within one TeV while squarks and/or gluinos can be in several TeV mass ranges [37]. Assuming gauge coupling unification at the GUT scale ( $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3$ ) and using  $k = 5/3$ , we obtain a simple gaugino mass relation from Eq. (2)

$$M_2 - M_3 = \frac{5}{3} (M_1 - M_3). \quad (3)$$

It is straightforward to notice that the universal gaugino mass relation  $M_1 = M_2 = M_3$  in the mSUGRA, is just a special case of this general one. This is why we call it Generalized mSUGRA. We will choose  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  to be free input parameters, which vary around several hundred GeV for the EWSUSY. We can now write Eq. (3) for  $M_3$  as:

$$M_3 = \frac{5}{2} M_1 - \frac{3}{2} M_2 , \quad (4)$$

which could be as large as several TeV or as small as several hundred GeV, depending on specific values of  $M_1$  and  $M_2$ .

The general SUSY breaking (SSB) soft scalar masses at the GUT scale are given in Ref. [38]. Taking the slepton masses as free parameters, we obtain the following squark masses in the  $SU(5)$  model with an adjoint Higgs field

$$m_{\tilde{Q}_i}^2 = \frac{5}{6}(m_0^U)^2 + \frac{1}{6}m_{\tilde{E}_i^c}^2 , \quad (5)$$

$$m_{\tilde{U}_i^c}^2 = \frac{5}{3}(m_0^U)^2 - \frac{2}{3}m_{\tilde{E}_i^c}^2 , \quad (6)$$

$$m_{\tilde{D}_i^c}^2 = \frac{5}{3}(m_0^U)^2 - \frac{2}{3}m_{\tilde{L}_i}^2 , \quad (7)$$

where  $m_{\tilde{Q}}$ ,  $m_{\tilde{U}^c}$ ,  $m_{\tilde{D}^c}$ ,  $m_{\tilde{L}}$ , and  $m_{\tilde{E}^c}$  represent the scalar masses of the left-handed squark doublets, right-handed up-type squarks, right-handed down-type squarks, left-handed sleptons, and right-handed sleptons, respectively, while  $m_0^U$  is the universal scalar mass, as in the mSUGRA. In the EWSUSY,  $m_{\tilde{L}}$  and  $m_{\tilde{E}^c}$  are both within 1 TeV, resulting in light sleptons. Especially, in the limit  $m_0^U \gg m_{\tilde{L}/\tilde{E}^c}$ , we have the approximated relations for squark masses:  $2m_{\tilde{Q}}^2 \sim m_{\tilde{U}^c}^2 \sim m_{\tilde{D}^c}^2$ . In addition, the Higgs soft masses  $m_{\tilde{H}_u}$  and  $m_{\tilde{H}_d}$ , and the trilinear soft terms  $A_U$ ,  $A_D$  and  $A_E$  can all be free parameters from the GmSUGRA [37, 38].

### 3 The Electroweak Fine Tuning

As we mentioned earlier that in this work we are interested in solutions with low EWFT. We use the (7.85) version of ISAJET [39] to calculate the FT conditions at the EW scale  $M_{EW}$ . After including the one-loop effective potential contributions to the tree-level MSSM Higgs potential, the  $Z$ -boson mass  $M_Z$  is given by

$$\frac{M_Z^2}{2} = \frac{(m_{H_d}^2 + \Sigma_d^d) - (m_{H_u}^2 + \Sigma_u^u) \tan^2 \beta}{\tan^2 \beta - 1} - \mu^2 , \quad (8)$$

where  $\Sigma_u^u$  and  $\Sigma_d^d$  are the contributions coming from the one-loop effective potential defined in Ref. [30] and  $\tan \beta \equiv \frac{v_u}{v_d}$ . All parameters in Eq. (8) are defined at the  $M_{EW}$ . In order to

measure the EWFT condition we follow [30] and use the following definitions

$$C_{H_d} \equiv |m_{H_d}^2/(\tan^2 \beta - 1)|, \quad C_{H_u} \equiv |-m_{H_u}^2 \tan^2 \beta/(\tan^2 \beta - 1)|, \quad C_\mu \equiv |-\mu^2|, \quad (9)$$

with each  $C_{\Sigma_{u,d}^{u,d}(r)}$  less than some characteristic value of order  $M_Z^2$ . Here,  $r$  labels the SM and SUSY particles that contribute to the one-loop Higgs potential. For the fine-tuning measure we define

$$\Delta_{EW} \equiv \max(C_r)/(M_Z^2/2) . \quad (10)$$

Note that  $\Delta_{EW}$  only depends on the weak-scale parameters of the SSMs, and then is fixed by the particle spectra. Hence, it is independent of how the SUSY particle masses arise. Lower values of  $\Delta_{EW}$  corresponds to less fine tuning, for example,  $\Delta_{EW} = 50$  implies  $\Delta_{EW}^{-1} = 2\%$  fine tuning. In addition to  $\Delta_{EW}$ , ISAJET also calculates  $\Delta_{HS}$  which is a measure of fine-tuning at the High Scale (HS) like the GUT scale in our model [30]. The HS fine-tuning measure  $\Delta_{HS}$  is given as follows

$$\Delta_{HS} \equiv \max(B_i)/(M_Z^2/2) . \quad (11)$$

For definition of  $B_i$  and more details, please see Ref. [30].

## 4 Scanning Procedure and Phenomenological Constraints

We employ the ISAJET 7.85 package [39] to perform the focused scans using parameters given in Section 2 to explore the parameter space having  $Z$ -resonance and Higgs-resonance solutions. In this work, we will focus on the solutions with relatively small EWFT  $\Delta_{EW} \lesssim 50$ . For full ranges of the parameter see [33].

In ISAJET, the weak scale values of the gauge and third generation Yukawa couplings are evolved to  $M_{\text{GUT}}$  via the MSSM renormalization group equations (RGEs) in the  $\overline{DR}$  regularization scheme. We do not strictly enforce the unification condition  $g_3 = g_1 = g_2$  at  $M_{\text{GUT}}$ , since a few percent deviation from unification can be assigned to the unknown GUT-scale threshold corrections [40]. With the boundary conditions given at  $M_{\text{GUT}}$ , all the SSB parameters, along with the gauge and Yukawa couplings, are evolved back to the weak scale  $M_Z$ .

In evaluating Yukawa couplings, the SUSY threshold corrections [41] are taken into account at the common scale  $M_{\text{SUSY}} = \sqrt{m_{\tilde{t}_L} m_{\tilde{t}_R}}$ . The entire parameter set is iteratively run between  $M_Z$  and  $M_{\text{GUT}}$  using the full two-loop RGEs until a stable solution is obtained. To better account for the leading-log corrections, one-loop step-beta functions are adopted for gauge and Yukawa couplings, and the SSB parameters  $m_i$  are extracted from RGEs at appropriate scales  $m_i = m_i(m_i)$ . The RGE-improved one-loop effective potential is minimized at an optimized

scale  $M_{\text{SUSY}}$ , which effectively accounts for the leading two-loop corrections. The full one-loop radiative corrections are incorporated for all sparticles.

It should be noted that the requirement of radiative electroweak symmetry breaking (REWSB) [42] puts an important theoretical constraint on parameter space. Another important constraint comes from limits on the cosmological abundance of stable charged particle [43]. This excludes regions in the parameter space where charged SUSY particles, such as  $\tilde{\tau}_1$  or  $\tilde{t}_1$ , become the LSP. We accept only those solutions for which one of the neutralinos is the LSP.

Also, we consider  $\mu > 0$  and use  $m_t = 173.3 \text{ GeV}$  [44]. Note that our results are not too sensitive to one or two sigma variations in the value of  $m_t$  [45]. We use  $m_b^{\overline{DR}}(M_Z) = 2.83 \text{ GeV}$  as well which is hard-coded into ISAJET. Also, we will use the notations  $A_t$ ,  $A_b$ ,  $A_\tau$  for  $A_U$ ,  $A_D$  and  $A_E$ , receptively.

In scanning the parameter space, we employ the Metropolis-Hastings algorithm as described in [46]. The data points collected all satisfy the requirement of REWSB, with the neutralino being the LSP. After collecting the data, we require the following bounds (inspired by the LEP2 experiment) on sparticle masses.

### (1) LEP2 constraints

We employ the LEP2 bounds on sparticle masses

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\tilde{t}_1}, m_{\tilde{b}_1} &\geq 100 \text{ GeV}, \\ m_{\tilde{\tau}_1} &\geq 105 \text{ GeV}, \\ m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm} &\geq 103 \text{ GeV}. \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

### (2) Higgs mass constraints

The combined value of Higgs mass reported by the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations is [47]

$$m_h = 125.09 \pm 0.21(\text{stat.}) \pm 0.11(\text{syst.}) \text{ GeV}. \quad (13)$$

Due to the theoretical uncertainty in the Higgs mass calculations in the MSSM [48], we use the following Higgs mass bound

$$122 \text{ GeV} \leq m_h \leq 128 \text{ GeV}. \quad (14)$$

### (3) LHC constraints

We demand [8]

$$\begin{aligned} m_{\tilde{q}} &\geq 2000 \text{ GeV} , \\ m_{\tilde{g}} &\geq 2000 \text{ GeV} . \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

### (4) B-physics constraints

We use the IsaTools package [49, 50] and implement the following B-physics constraints

$$1.6 \times 10^{-9} \leq \text{BR}(B_s \rightarrow \mu^+ \mu^-) \leq 4.2 \times 10^{-9} \text{ (2}\sigma\text{)} \quad [51] , \quad (16)$$

$$2.99 \times 10^{-4} \leq \text{BR}(b \rightarrow s\gamma) \leq 3.87 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (2}\sigma\text{)} \quad [52] , \quad (17)$$

$$0.70 \times 10^{-4} \leq \text{BR}(B_u \rightarrow \tau\nu_\tau) \leq 1.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (2}\sigma\text{)} \quad [52] . \quad (18)$$

### (5) Electroweak Fine-Tuning constraint

Because we consider the natural SUSY, the following constraint on fine-tuning measure  $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  is applied

$$\Delta_{\text{EW}} \leq 50. \quad (19)$$

### (6) WMAP constraint

We apply the WMAP9 bounds with  $5\sigma$  variation on DM density [53]

$$0.0913 \leq \Omega h^2 \leq 0.1363 . \quad (20)$$

## 5 Results of focused scans

We present results of focused scans in Fig. 1. In the top right and left panels we display plots in  $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  vs.  $\mu$  respectively for  $Z$ -pole and for Higgs-pole scenarios while rescaled spin-independent ( $\xi\sigma^{SI}(\chi, p)$ ) rate vs. LSP neutralino mass  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  is shown in bottom panel. Aqua points satisfy the REWSB and LSP neutralino conditions. Red, blue and green points represent the sets of points respectively with DM relic density consistent with, greater than, and smaller than  $5\sigma$  WMAP9 bounds, as well as consistent with upper bounds reported by the LUX experiment. These points all also satisfy the bounds given in Section 4. We see that green points both for  $Z$ -pole and Higgs-pole scenarios have  $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  in the range 20 to 50, while  $\mu$  is in the range of [100, 450] GeV. Blue and red points have  $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  as small as 24 and  $\mu$  is confined between [300, 450] GeV. In the bottom left panel, we show a plot in the same plane for Higgsino LSP solutions. Because such solutions have small relic densities, all the points are green. One can see that such solutions have  $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  values from 20 to 50 with corresponding  $\mu$  values varying roughly from 250 GeV to 450 GeV. We will talk about Higgsino LSP solutions more with reference to the plots in  $\xi\sigma^{SI}(\chi, p)$ - $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  plane.

In  $\xi\sigma^{SI}(\chi, p)$ - $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  plot, solid black and red lines respectively represent the current LUX [35] and XENON1T [54] bounds. The dashed green and red lines display projection of XENON1T for next two years and XENONnT (total exposure of 20 t.y) [55], respectively. The factor  $\xi \equiv \Omega h^2 / 0.12$  for green points which accounts for a possible depleted local abundance of

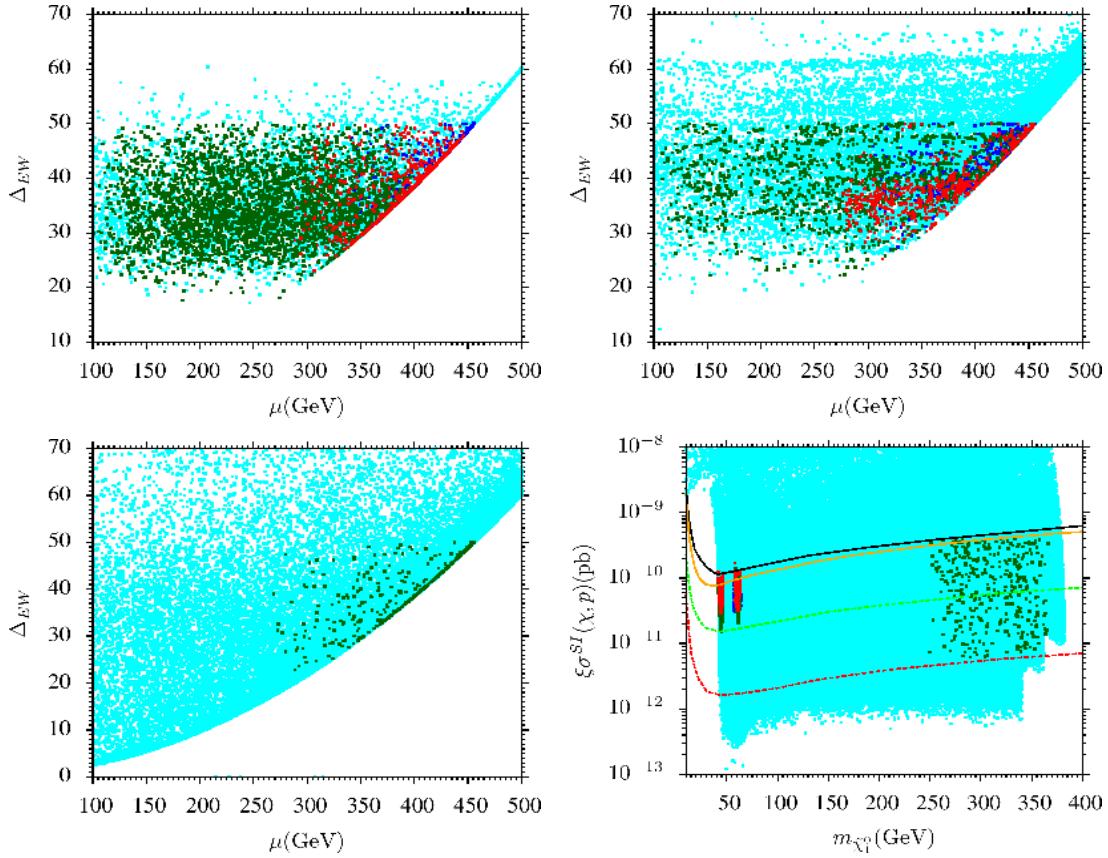


Figure 1:  $\Delta_{EW}$  vs.  $\mu$  for the  $Z$ -pole (left), for Higgs-pole (right) and Higgsino LSP (bottom left) scenario. Rescaled spin-independent ( $\xi\sigma^{SI}(\chi, p)$ ) rate vs. LSP neutralino mass  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  (bottom right). Aqua points satisfy the REWSB and LSP neutralino conditions. Red, blue and green solutions represent the sets of points with relic density consistent with, greater than and smaller than  $5\sigma$  WMAP9 bounds, respectively. These points also satisfy the bounds indicated in Section 4.

	BMP 1	MMP 2	BMP 3	BMP 4	BMP 5
$m_0$	1449	1424	1537	1367	1053
$m_{\tilde{Q}}$	1358.3	1323.3	1404.1	1249.4	1021.8
$m_{\tilde{U}^c}$	1765.8	1770.3	1981.3	1760.5	1169.3
$m_{\tilde{D}^c}$	1715.7	1701.7	1945.9	1717.4	1189.1
$m_{\tilde{L}}$	912.9	851.8	475.7	497.6	806.8
$m_{\tilde{E}^c}$	756.2	607	132.2	151.3	849.1
$M_1$	96.81	98.19	132.6	131.1	857.7
$M_2$	812.9	751.8	1023	1105	706.8
$M_3$	-977.33	-882.22	-1203	-1329.8	1084.1
$A_t = A_b$	3632	3689	4981	5076	857.7
$A_{\tilde{\tau}}$	-403.1	-413.5	-238.2	-186.9	-2915
$\tan \beta$	17.6	18.9	21.3	19.8	14.5
$m_{H_u}$	2631	2562	3231	3306	2558
$m_{H_d}$	2618	2697	3284	3203	487.6
$\mu$	326	254	351	276	262
$\Delta_{EW}$	29	24	35	31	29
$\Delta_{HS}$	1691	1597	2552	2660	1597
$\Delta a_\mu$	$4.17 \times 10^{-10}$	$5.59 \times 10^{-10}$	$6.34 \times 10^{-10}$	$4.93 \times 10^{-10}$	$3.61 \times 10^{-10}$
$m_h$	123	123	125	125	123
$m_H$	2515	2553	3060	3026	529
$m_A$	2499	2536	3040	3006	525
$m_{H^\pm}$	2516	2554	3061	3027	534
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^0}$	45.9, 326	45, 255	62, 355	62, 283	248, 271
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{3,4}^0}$	337, 712	266, 658	363, 882	287, 953	373, 587
$m_{\tilde{\chi}_{1,2}^\pm}$	333, 704	260, 651	362, 876	286, 946	265, 579
$m_{\tilde{g}}$	2220	2025	2676	2918	2397
$m_{\tilde{u}_{L,R}}$	2374, 2542	2216, 2411	2752, 2975	2873, 3026	2322, 2421
$m_{\tilde{t}_{1,2}}$	1173, 1731	1000, 1542	1069, 1811	1046, 1960	1062, 1760
$m_{\tilde{d}_{L,R}}$	2375, 2561	2218, 2434	2753, 3016	2875, 3047	2323, 2366
$m_{\tilde{b}_{1,2}}$	1717, 2433	1525, 2287	1812, 2777	1969, 2831	1734, 2285
$m_{\tilde{\nu}_{1,2}}$	978	878	670	774	1002
$m_{\tilde{\nu}_3}$	935	821	532	679	996
$m_{\tilde{e}_{L,R}}$	984, 909	883, 839	683	786, 522	1008, 729
$m_{\tilde{\tau}_{1,2}}$	816, 941	719, 828	264, 549	162, 693	716, 1001
$\sigma_{SI}(\text{pb})$	$8.05 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-10}$	$7.33 \times 10^{-11}$	$1.64 \times 10^{-10}$	$1.71 \times 10^{-8}$
$\sigma_{SD}(\text{pb})$	$1.19 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.38 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.07 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.40 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.39 \times 10^{-4}$
$\Omega_{CDM} h^2$	0.106	0.017	0.103	0.022	0.002

Table 1: All the masses in this table are in units of GeV. All the points satisfy the constraints described in Section 4. BMP1 and BMP2 are examples of  $Z$ -pole solutions, BMP3 and BMP4 are representatives of Higgs-pole solutions, and BMP 5 is an example for Higgsino LSP solutions.

neutralino DM, while  $\xi = 1$  for red and blue points. In this plot, the two dips around 45 GeV and 62 GeV indicate the  $Z$ -pole and Higgs-pole solutions. Here, we want to make a comment that in focused scans, we also got points beyond the current LUX bounds but we have chopped them out and have displayed throughout this work only those solutions which are consistent with these bounds. By the way, if we introduce an axino as the LSP, *i.e.*, the lightest neutralino is not the LSP, these chopped points are still natural and consistent with all the current experimental constraints. Moreover, we can see that in the near future the XENON1T experiment will completely probe solutions of our present scans. One can also notice that there is a wide gap between the Higgs-pole solutions and Higgsino LSP solutions (green points with  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  between 250 GeV 350 GeV). We notice that the  $\sigma^{SI}(\chi, p)$  is too high for points with neutralino mass between 65 GeV to 250 GeV. Even if we rescale the  $\sigma^{SI}(\chi, p)$ , points still rule out by the current LUX bounds. In addition to it, we also notice that for the Higgsino LSP scenario,  $\chi_1^0$ ,  $\chi_2^0$ , and  $\chi_1^\pm$  are Higgsino dominated,  $\chi_3^0$  is Bino dominated,  $\chi_4^0$  and  $\chi_2^\pm$  are Wino dominated. Since  $m_{\chi_1^0} \sim m_{\chi_2^0} \sim m_{\chi_1^\pm}$ , leptons from  $\chi_2^0$  and  $\chi_1^\pm$  are hard to reconstruct. The most effective channels that could contribute to 3 leptons is  $pp \rightarrow \chi_4^0 \chi_2^\pm$ . However, in this scenario,  $m_{\chi_4^0} \sim \chi_2^\pm \leq 520$  GeV, whereas the ATLAS Collaboration could only exclude points with Wino mass smaller than 380 GeV [56]. The CMS Collaboration has better results, but only excludes the points with Wino mass smaller than 450 GeV [57]. One can also see [58, 59] for probing light higgsino using monojet searches. This implies that in our case, even though the Higgsino LSP solutions are natural solutions but are out of reach of the present LHC searches. And we have confirmed it from numerical calculations for LHC SUSY searches as well. It is therefore, we will not consider them for further analyses.

We want to comment on the light stau-neutralino coannihilation solutions. We find that if we insisting on  $\Delta_{EW} \lesssim 50$ , the light stau-neutralino coannihilation scenario is knocked out though it can be achieved if we relax  $\Delta_{EW}$  up to 100. This is why we will consider only  $Z$ -pole and Higgs-pole solutions for collider studies.

We have collected five represented benchmark points (BMP) in Table 1. BMP1 and BMP2 are the examples of  $Z$ -pole solutions with correct relic density and small relic density respectively. In these points, gluinos and the first two generations of squarks are heavier than 2 TeV, while top and bottom squarks  $\tilde{t}_{1,2}$  and  $\tilde{b}_{1,2}$  have masses from 1 TeV to 2 TeV. The first two generations of sleptons have masses are in the range of [800, 1000] GeV while  $\tilde{\tau}_{1,2}$  are in [720, 950] GeV mass range. For BMP1 and BMP2,  $\Delta_{EW}$  is 29 and 24 while  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm}$  is 333 GeV and 260 GeV, respectively. BMP3 and BMP4 represent Higgs-pole solutions with correct relic density and small relic density, respectively. The colored sparticles have masses in same range as for BMP1 and BMP2. The first two generation sleptons are in the mass range [520, 790] GeV while

$\tilde{\tau}_{1,2}$  are in [160, 790] GeV. BMP5 show a higgsino LSP solution. This point also has similar spectrum as BMP1 with relatively heavy sleptons and winos are heavier than 550 GeV. Since these points have very small relic density ( $\Omega h^2 \sim 0.002$ ), we rescale the direct detection rate as  $\xi \sigma^{SI}(\chi, p)$ . Moreover, we can see that BMP2, BMP3 and BMP4 have  $\Delta a_\mu$  within  $3\sigma$  [36].

## 6 LHC searches

In this Section, we examine the constraints from the direct searches for the SUSY particles at the LHC on samples with relic density consistent with or smaller than  $5\sigma$  WMAP9 bounds and also satisfy the current LUX limits on direct detection of LSP neutralino. In order to realize small fine-tuning and satisfy experimental observations simultaneously, only electroweakinos (neutralinos and charginos) and stau are light and could be explored at the current LHC. Therefore, we should consider the following electroweak Drell-Yan production processes:

$$pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \tilde{\chi}_j^0, \quad pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_l^\pm \tilde{\chi}_m^\pm, \quad pp \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \tilde{\chi}_l^\pm, \quad (i, j = 2, 3, 4 \text{ and } l, m = 1, 2). \quad (21)$$

In general, the produced neutralinos could decay through on-shell or off-shell  $Z^{(*)}$  or  $h^{(*)}$ :

$$\tilde{\chi}_i^0 \rightarrow Z^{(*)} \tilde{\chi}_1^0, \quad \tilde{\chi}_i^0 \rightarrow h^{(*)} \tilde{\chi}_1^0, \quad (22)$$

where the charginos could only decay through  $W^{(*)}$ ,

$$\tilde{\chi}_l^\pm \rightarrow W^{\pm(*)} \tilde{\chi}_1^0. \quad (23)$$

When  $\tilde{\tau}_1$  is light, such as BMP 3 and BMP 4, new decay modes of  $\tilde{\chi}_i^0$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_l^\pm$  are possible,

$$\tilde{\chi}_i^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}_1 \tau, \quad \text{and,} \quad \tilde{\chi}_l^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\tau}_1 v_\tau, \quad (24)$$

and  $\tilde{\tau}_1$  decay into  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  with branching ratio approximates to 100%.

The relevance of different decay modes depends on mass spectrums and will significantly influence collider searches for these particles. In Fig. 2 we show branching ratios of  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  (Figs. 2(a) and 2(c)) and  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  (Figs. 2(b) and 2(d)) for samples considered in this work. The dominant decay channel of  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  for samples of  $Z$  pole is  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0 \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 Z^{(*)}$  when the mass difference  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  is small. Once the decay into Higgs boson is kinematically possible, branching ratio to  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0 h$  increase with increasing of  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$  and become the dominant channel when  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} - m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} \gtrsim 140$  GeV. The decay channels of  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  is always  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_1^0 W^{(*)}$ . For samples of Higgs pole, situations are more complex due to light  $\tilde{\tau}_1$ , as can be seen from BMP3 and BMP4. The decay of  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  to  $\tilde{\tau}_1 \tau$  would be significant or even dominant 2(c).

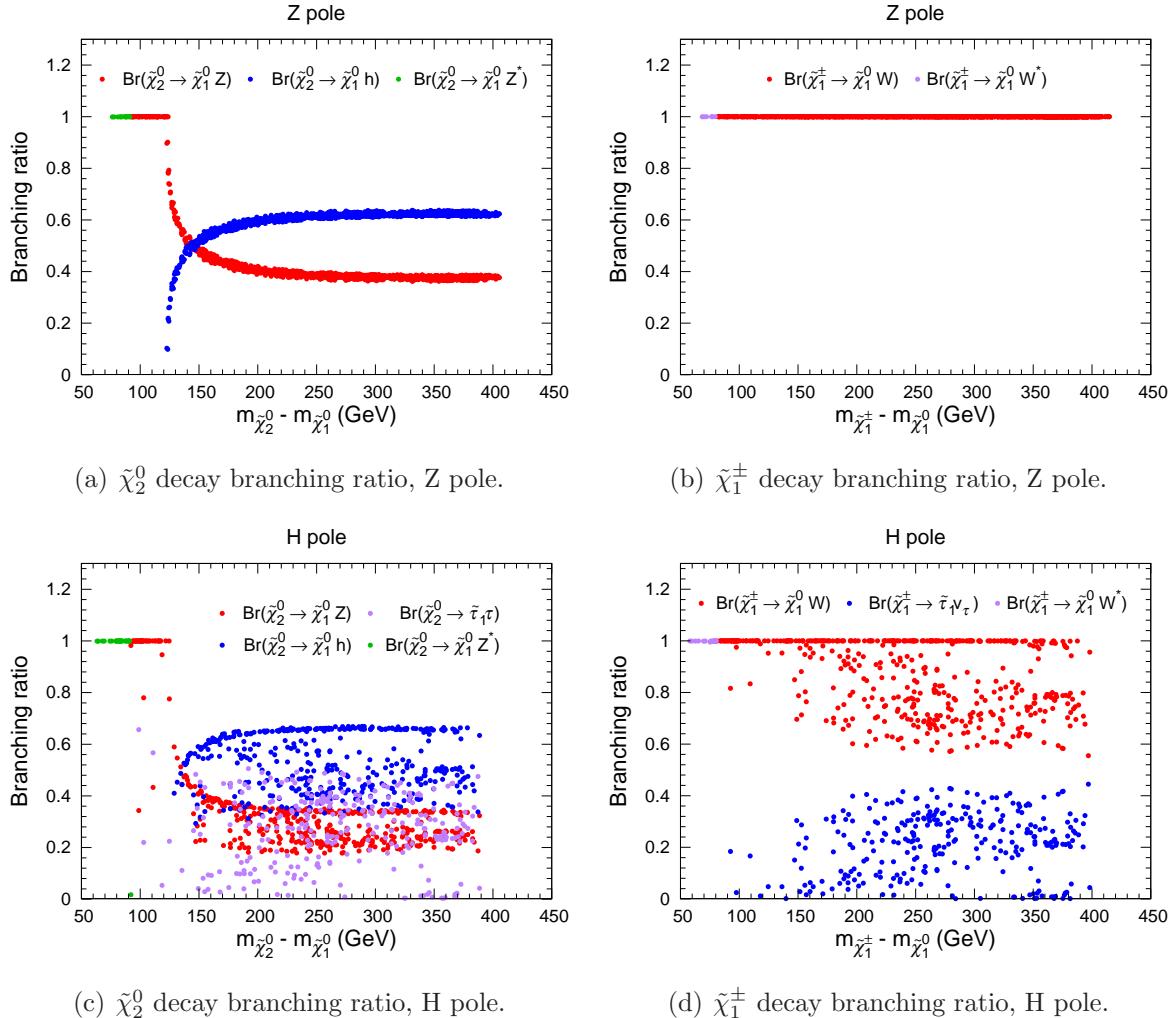


Figure 2: Decay branching ratios of  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  (a and b) and  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  (c and d) for samples with relic density consistent with or smaller than  $5\sigma$  WMAP9 bounds.

ATLAS [60, 61] and CMS [57] have performed electroweakinos searches for wino  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0/\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  with particular decay models. We use the powerful package **CheckMate** [62, 63, 64] (where PYTHIA 8 [65] and a tuned version of DELPHES 3 [66] have been used internally) to implement LHC constraints. NLO production rates are obtained by rescaling LO rates with K-factors calculated by **Prospino** 2 [67], which yield about 1.2 for higgsino pair production.

As for electroweakinos searches, currently **CheckMate** has only employed the ATLAS analyses with  $13.3 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  data [60]. So in order to fully take into account the current constraints, we also recast the latest ATLAS [61] and CMS [57] analyses based on a Monte Carlo simulation. In the simulation, **MadGraph** 5 [68] is adopted to generate background and signal samples, and PYTHIA 6 [69] is employed to handle the parton shower, particle decay, and hadronization pro-

cesses. We use MLM scheme to deal with the matching between matrix element and parton shower calculations, and use `Delphes 3` [66] to carry out a fast detection simulation with the CMS setup. Jets are reconstructed using the anti- $k_T$  algorithm [70] with a distance parameter  $\Delta R = 0.4$ .

Generally, heavy electroweakinos productions with successive decay will lead to multi-leptons signal, among them  $3l + \cancel{E}_T$  and  $2l + \cancel{E}_T$  give the best sensitivity at the LHC searches. In the case of  $3l + \cancel{E}_T$  search channel, major SM backgrounds are  $ZZ$  and  $WZ$  productions. Two leptons from  $Z$  decay are required to form same-flavor-opposite-sign (SFOS) pair. Two useful kinematic variables to discriminate signals from backgrounds are  $m_T$  and  $\cancel{E}_T$ , where  $m_T$  is the transverse mass defined as  $m_T = \sqrt{2(p_T^l \cancel{E}_T - \mathbf{p}_T^l \cdot \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}})}$  with  $\mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}$  is the missing transverse momentum vector and the lepton  $l$  is the one not forming the SFOS lepton pair.

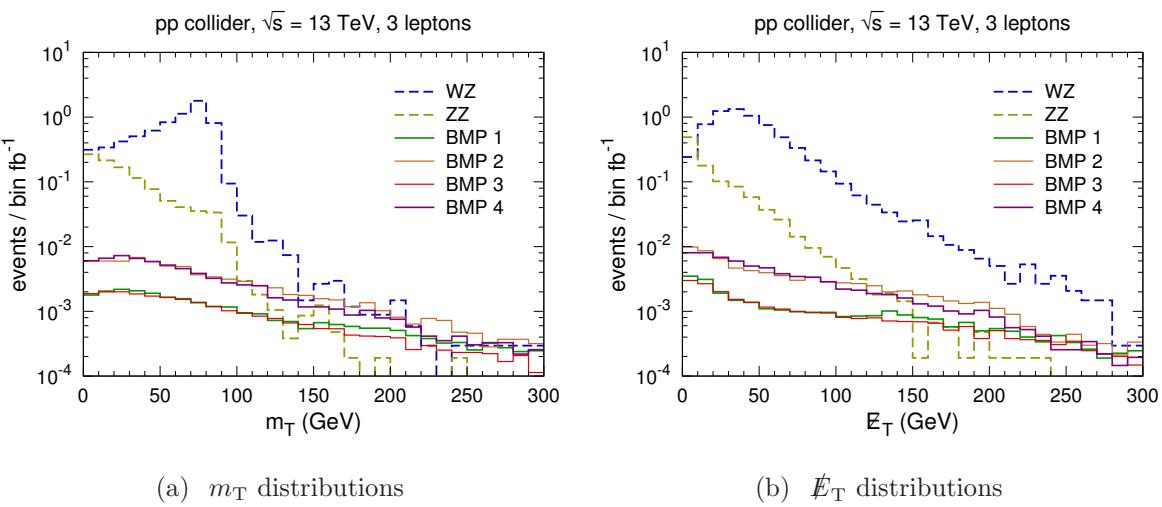


Figure 3:  $m_T$  (a) and  $\cancel{E}_T$  (b) distributions for backgrounds and signal benchmark points in the  $2l + \cancel{E}_T$  channel at the 13 TeV LHC.

In Fig. 3 we present the  $m_T$  and  $\cancel{E}_T$  distributions of backgrounds and signals. In the case of  $ZZ$  background, the  $3l$  final state mainly comes from the decay of both  $Z$  boson into  $l^+l^-$  pairs with one lepton do not be successfully reconstructed. As there is no neutrino contributing  $\cancel{E}_T$ , its  $\cancel{E}_T$  distribution is softer than others, and so is its  $m_T$  distribution. For the  $WZ$  background, the  $m_T$  variable is bounded by the  $W$  boson mass, leading to an obvious endpoint near  $m_W$ . All  $m_T$  and  $\cancel{E}_T$  for signals are harder and are easy to be distinguished from backgrounds.

In the case of  $2l + \cancel{E}_T$  search channel, dominant backgrounds are  $WZ$ ,  $WW$ ,  $ZZ$ , and  $t\bar{t}$  production. Still, these two leptons from  $Z$  decay are required to form SFOS pairs, whose invariable is a useful variable to distinguish signals from SM backgrounds. Another useful

variable  $m_{T2}$  is defined as

$$m_{T2} = \min_{\mathbf{p}_T^1 + \mathbf{p}_T^2 = \mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}} \{ \max[m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^a, \mathbf{p}_T^1), m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^b, \mathbf{p}_T^2)] \}, \quad (25)$$

where  $m_T(\mathbf{p}_T^i, \mathbf{p}_T^j) = \sqrt{2(p_T^i p_T^j - \mathbf{p}_T^i \cdot \mathbf{p}_T^j)}$ , and  $\mathbf{p}_T^a$  and  $\mathbf{p}_T^b$  are the transverse momenta of two visible particles in the decay chain (two leptons in our case).  $\mathbf{p}_T^1$  and  $\mathbf{p}_T^2$  are a partition of the missing transverse momentum  $\mathbf{p}_T^{\text{miss}}$ . By definition,  $m_{T2}$  is the minimum of the larger  $m_T$  over all partitions, its distribution for two identical chains has an upper endpoint, which is determined by the mass difference between the parent particle and its invisible child.

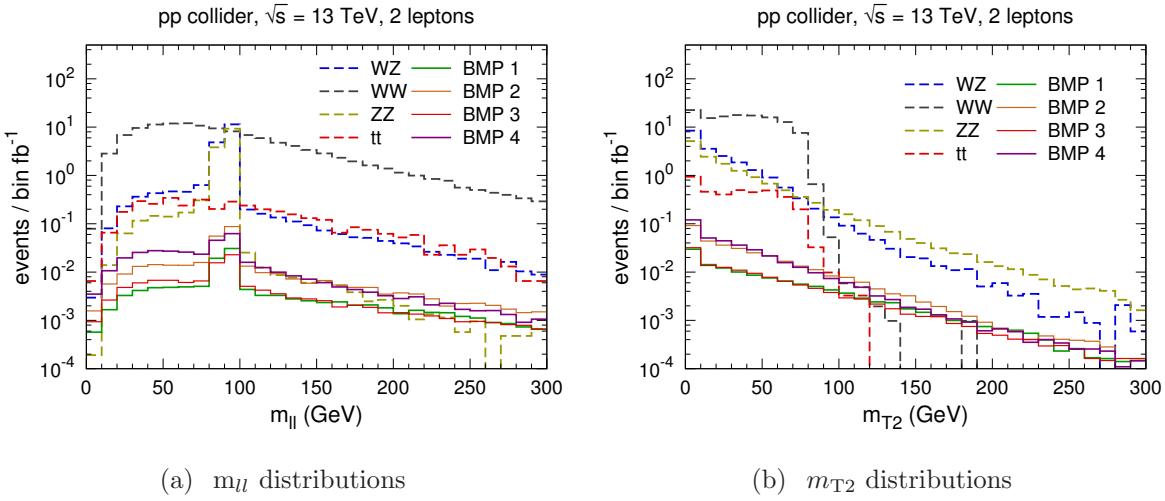


Figure 4:  $m_{ll}$  (a) and  $m_{T2}$  (b) distributions for backgrounds and signal benchmark points in the  $2l + \cancel{E}_T$  channel at the 13 TeV LHC.

In Fig. 4 we demonstrate the  $m_{ll}$  and  $m_{T2}$  distributions of backgrounds and signals. For the  $WZ$  and  $ZZ$  backgrounds and signals, lepton pairs from  $Z$  boson decay result in peaks around  $m_Z$  in the  $m_{ll}$  distributions, as shown in Fig. 4(a). Whereas these two leptons for  $WW$  and  $t\bar{t}$  backgrounds origin from two particles and do not have obvious feature. Fortunately, the  $m_{T2}$  distributions for the  $WW$  and  $t\bar{t}$  backgrounds are essentially bounds by  $m_W$ .

For the analyses of Ref. [60], we use **CheckMATE** to calculate corresponding significance. And for the analyses of Refs. [57] and Ref. [61], we apply the same cuts in various signal regions, and compare the obtained cross sections to 95% limits tabulated in these literatures. In Fig. 5, we present the 95% C.L. exclusion results of the LHC electroweakino searches in the  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ - $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  plane (Fig. 5(a)) and  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ - $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  plane (Fig. 5(b)).  $3l + \cancel{E}_T$  searches require exactly three hard leptons. As a result, samples close to  $Z$  threshold, i.e.,  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0} \sim m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0} + m_Z$ , are hard to explore. Points below this threshold would be excluded by  $2l + \cancel{E}_T$  searches due to small  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm}$  and large production cross sections.

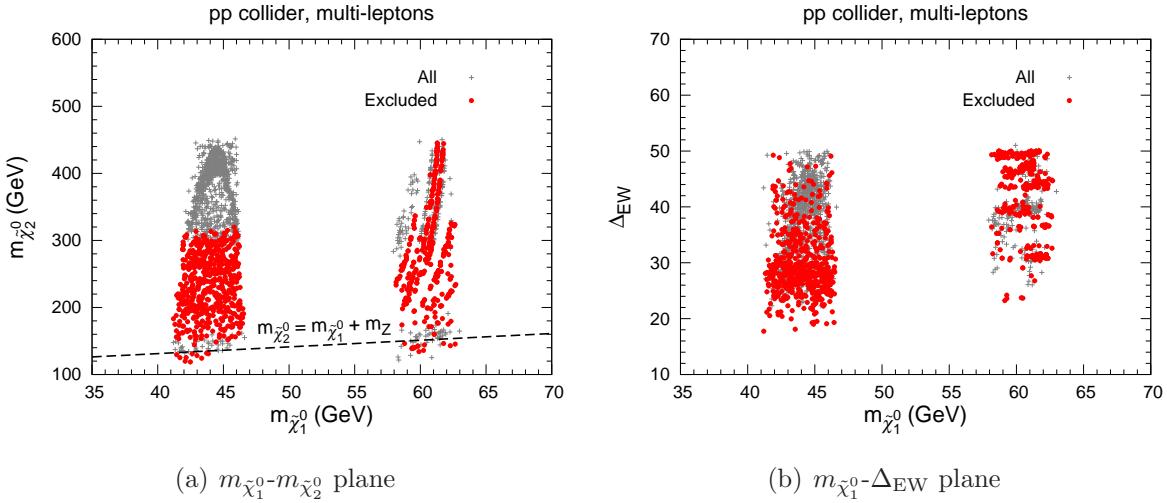


Figure 5: 95% C.L. exclusion results of the LHC electroweakinos searches in the  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ - $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  plane (a) and  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ - $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  plane (b).

Roughly,  $3l + \cancel{E}_T$  and  $2l + \cancel{E}_T$  searches at the current LHC could exclude higgsino dominant  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0/\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  with mass up to 300 GeV. This result is consistent with our previous prediction [71] whereas seems to somewhat weaker than that given by the ATLAS [60] and CMS Collaborations [57]. The main reason is that in their searches, pure wino  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0/\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  is assumed, which have larger production cross sections. Besides, they assume  $\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  and  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  decay via  $W^*$  and  $Z^*$  bosons with a branching fraction of 100%, whereas decay branching ratios in our samples highly depend on mass spectra.

Another and even stricter constraint on samples of Higgs pole come from the searches for electroweakinos with tau final states. These searches have been performed by both CMS [57] and ATLAS [61] Collaborations, by latter it was shown that when  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0/\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  decay into  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$  via an intermediate on-shell stau or tau sneutrino,  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0/\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  with mass up to 760 GeV are excluded for a massless  $\tilde{\chi}_1^0$ . In our case samples with  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  mass up to 460 GeV for Higgs pole could still be excluded, as shown in Fig. 5(a).

Finally, we project exclusion results into  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_1^0}$ - $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  plane (Fig. 5(b)). Samples of  $Z$  pole with small  $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  are easy to be explored, whereas these with large  $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  are hard to be excluded due to large  $\mu$ , which in turn indicate large  $m_{\tilde{\chi}_2^0}$  and small production cross sections. In the case of Higgs pole, many samples with  $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  up to 50 could be excluded by electroweakinos searches with tau final states. For both  $Z$  pole and Higgs pole, samples with  $\Delta_{\text{EW}}$  approximate to 20 could still survive, indicating naturalness of this SUSY framework.

## 7 Discussions and Conclusion

We have studied natural supersymmetry in the GmSUGRA, and found that after demanding  $\Delta_{EW} \lesssim 50$ , only the parameter space related to  $Z$ -pole and Higgs-pole solutions are left. We performed the focused scans for such parameter space and showed that it satisfies various phenomenological constraints and is compatible with the current direct detection bound on neutralino DM reported by the LUX experiment. Such parameter space also has solutions with the correct DM relic density besides the solutions with relic density smaller or larger than  $5\sigma$  WMAP9 bounds. We also performed the collider study of such solutions by implementing and comparing with relevant studies done by the ATLAS and CMS Collaborations. We showed that the points with the higgsino dominant  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0/\tilde{\chi}_1^\pm$  mass up to 300 GeV are excluded for  $Z$  pole scenario while for Higgs-pole scenario, points with  $\tilde{\chi}_2^0$  mass up to 460 GeV are excluded. Next, we displayed that both for the  $Z$ -pole and Higgs-pole scenarios, the points having  $\Delta_{EW} \sim 20$  still survive. Moreover, we present five benchmark points as examples of our present scans. In these benchmark points, gluino and the first two generations of squarks are heavier than 2 TeV, top squarks  $\tilde{t}_{1,2}$  are in the mass range [1, 2] TeV, while sleptons are lighter than 1 TeV. We also discuss that stau-neutralino coannihilation scenario is not compatible with our demand of  $\Delta_{EW} \lesssim 50$ . On the other hand higgsino LSP solutions which are natural solutions but are out of reach of present LHC searches. Some part of the parameter space can explain the anomaly of muon  $(g-2)_\mu$  within  $3\sigma$  as well.

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